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August Larson, a native of Sweden, yesterday declared his intention of becoming an American citizen.

The oil tank steamer Whittier arrived yesterday from San Francisco. She brought 10,000 barrels of oil and 25 tons of asphaltum for Portland.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by County Clerk Clinton to Frank E. Lent and Annie E. Wright and Hans Henry Larsen and Camilla Wohler, all of Clatsop county.

Harrison L. Hamblet has sold to A. A. Cook, the well-known Portland traveling man, the lot upon which the Imperial cafe stands. The consideration was \$5000.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Nowlen will be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Services will be conducted at the Methodist church and the interment will be in Greenwood.

Mary S. Agren, aged 54 years, was yesterday committed to the state hospital for mental treatment. The woman is afflicted with suicidal mania. She has been ill for the past three years.

Yesterday the newly elected county officials took their oaths of office and entered upon the discharge of their duties. The only new officer sworn in was County Commissioner Larson, who succeeds Commissioner Young. There were no changes in deputyships.

The regular monthly session of the county court convened today. Several matters pertaining to the building of the new court house are to be brought before the court at this term for consideration. At the present time the workmen are placing a layer of crushed rock on the excavated lot, and the work will shortly be finished.

The time of the circuit court was taken up yesterday with consideration of the case of Jacob Kamm vs. Alex. Normand and Fred Normand. The Normand brothers are loggers and float their logs down the north fork of the Clackamas river, which runs through the Kamm property near Olney. Mr. Kamm brings suit to enjoin them from using the stream for logging purposes, claiming that it is not a navigable stream and that the operations of the

loggers are resulting in damage to his land. He is represented by Judge Taylor, while John H. Smith and George C. Fulton appear for the loggers. The case is attracting considerable attention among the people living near Olney. It will require several days to present all the evidence.

Captain M. D. Staples, the bar pilot, had a narrow escape from serious injury on the night of the Fourth. A skyrocket which had been sent up from the hill struck him as it fell, but the blow was a glancing one and the captain escaped injury. The practice of sending up skyrockets in the direction of the city is a most dangerous one, and that onlookers have not been injured is remarkable.

The Astoria hose team leaves this morning for Portland to take part in the firemen's tournament to be held there July 7 and 8. The team is made up of the following runners: Jesse C. Craven, Francis Cronin, Dan B. Allen, W. C. Curtis, M. D. Knutsen, William A. Johnson, William Painter, Jack Bay, Al Minard, O. R. Peterson, Jake Wedel, Otto Gramma, Charles Dubois, Joseph Josephs, John Corno and Charles Stillright.

"Western philosophy" is what the inscription on a small card now being pretty generally circulated is alleged to be. The inscription contains two swear words, but is so characteristic of westerners that the vulgarity will be overlooked. It is as follows: "Live each day so that you can look any damn man in the eye and tell him to go to hell." As exemplifying the westerner's idea of independence resulting from proper bearing toward his fellowman, the inscription is decidedly appropriate.

It was expected that plans for the new city hall would be submitted at last night's meeting of the council, but Chairman Hansen of the ways and means committee received no word from Architect Schacht and the matter was not called up. It is presumed that the plans have not yet been prepared, but Mr. Hansen said last night he expected to hear from the architect in a day or two. If the plans are sent down this week a special meeting of the council will probably be held to confirm them, as the council is anxious to get the work started.

Not an arrest was made by the police of Astoria on the Fourth of July—a

record never before equaled, and one that perhaps will never again be equaled. Last Fourth about 20 persons were arrested in this city, and on the afternoon of the 5th the dock at the police court was well crowded with offenders. A few arrests were made this year on July 3, but in every case the men were booked as "simple drunks." The Fourth of July is usually the occasion of numerous celebrations, the itinerary of which includes a "good time," but this year there was very little drunkenness of the kind that concludes with arrests.

Before the council adjourned last night Mr. Hansen asked whether or not the ways and means committee and city attorney had taken any steps to collect from Hon. C. J. Curtis the sum of \$400, which is due the city. No action has ever been taken to collect the amount, and Mr. Hansen urged that the matter be attended to.

Councilman Nordstrom last night brought to the attention of the council the matter of the erection of billboards along Commercial street between Seventeenth street and the railroad depot. He pointed out that the boards were erected on public property, and that should they be blown down during the winter, killing or injuring some passerby, the city would be liable for damages. The street committee was instructed to investigate and report upon the matter.

Bids for the rebuilding of the old city hall will be submitted to the new owners tonight, and it is expected the contract will be awarded tomorrow. There will be scarcely a vestige of the old building remaining when the carpenters finish their work. The cost of rebuilding the structure will be quite heavy—perhaps as high as \$17,500. It was reported yesterday that S. Morton Cohen and A. Hager had entered into partnership for the purpose of conducting a theater in the building now occupied by H. D. Thing, and that the old city hall would be occupied by the A. Dunbar Company. This report was pronounced to be incorrect. Mr. Cohen will conduct a showhouse at the new building and will have no partner.

The property owners who will be assessed to pay for the improvement of Exchange street from Fourteenth to Seventeenth yesterday filed a numerous signed remonstrance against acceptance of the street. They claim that the contractor has disregarded the specifications in making the repairs; that the subgrade has not been properly rolled and that the layers of rock have not been properly rolled; that the rock is not of the size provided for, the top layer being so fine that it is disappearing under the coarse rock. The remonstrance has been referred to the street committee. More or less trouble has been experienced on this score since the crushed rock method of making street improvements was adopted, and in several instances lately contractors have removed the heavy rock and substituted finer rock. It is stated that the capacity of the rock crushing department is overtaxed, which accounts for the improperly crushed stone that is turned out.

The quarterly report of City Treasurer Dealey was filed yesterday with Auditor Anderson. The report shows that the cash balance on hand is \$33,079.30, which includes the \$15,000 city hall fund. Mr. Dealey stated yesterday that the balance of \$18,000 was nearly all being held to pay warrants which have been called in, but not presented. "Some of the warrants outstanding at the present time have been called for five or six months," said Mr. Dealey. "When the holders present them and find that interest has long ago ceased they will be very much disappointed." The report shows that receipts from liquor licenses for the quarter were \$56,000, while police court fines and forfeitures amounted to \$2796.50. Chief of Police Hallock did not turn over to the treasurer the sundry license receipts for the quarter, \$1533.50. In time to enable the treasurer to include this sum in the report just filed. With \$400 received from a liquor dealer, there is now more than \$2000 in the treasury, and another call for warrants will be made in a day or two.

WEST SIDE NOTES.

Mrs. Earle spent Saturday in Warrenton.
Mr. J. C. Caskey spent the Fourth in Portland.
C. C. Cobine and family spent the Fourth in Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. William Wallingford spent the Fourth in Portland.
Miss Corder of Astoria was a guest of Mrs. David Airth last week.
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Halderman are spending the week in Portland.
Mrs. J. W. Numson has returned

from a two weeks' visit to Portland and vicinity.

The Warrenton team won the ball game at Hammond against the Cathlamets, 9 to 1.

Collector Robb and Mrs. Robb, with a party of young people, visited Warrenton on Saturday.

Mr. C. E. Bennett is acting agent at the A. & C. depot during the absence of W. F. Halderman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ray returned to Portland on Monday after spending a week in Warrenton.

Mr. Robert Baisley went to San Francisco on Saturday, where he has accepted a position in a mill.

Miss F. A. King is still confined to her home on account of sickness. Miss Munson is attending to her duties in the postoffice.

Miss Matilda Woods left for England on Sunday, having made a year's visit to her brother, Mr. H. G. Woods of Warrenton. Mr. and Mrs. Woods went as far as Portland with her. Miss Woods will stop at Chicago to visit two brothers there before going to England.

Hammond celebrated the Fourth in fine shape. People from all neighboring places came to assist. After the usual exercises, games of all sorts were indulged in. The life-saving crew gave an exhibition of the beach drill. The weather was perfect, although the morning looked very unpromising.

EXCLUDE MARRIED TEACHERS.

Portland Telegram: There will be an attempt made this summer, it is understood, to have the board of education adopt a rule to refrain from hiring married women as teachers in the public schools of Portland.

It is only a few years ago that a similar rule was, in part, adopted by the board, but in spite of it there are 33 women in the employ of the city who have "Mrs." prefixed to their names. Of course, some of these are widows and could not be debarred according to the purposes of the rule, which was to give those teachers a preference who have no one to support them. but, on careful examination of the teachers' roster, it becomes evident that the board of education, whether through favoritism or for some other reason, is hiring women who have husbands that are well-to-do and can support them with ease.

When these facts were called to the attention of some members of the school authorities, a denial was made that any rule was ever adopted to prevent married women from teaching, though it had been a sort of policy of the board to give single women the preference. Another school authority declared that a rule against married women had been adopted, but that it had been agreed that married women who were particularly well up in their work should continue.

This season, when the election of teachers was before the board, it was found there were 302 applications for positions. Among these were men and women of all grades of ability and qualifications.

For this reason there is more or less criticism being given the board on the ground that it is showing preference to favorites—that, in some cases, it is denying employment to otherwise acceptable talent on the grounds that matrimony interferes, while in other cases it sets the rule aside to suit personal desires. It is believed that if an ironclad rule could be adopted and no married women given employment, the board would place itself above any suggestion of political rule or personal favoritism and the public would have no cause for complaint on those grounds.

One man who is prominently connected with educational work in Portland has expressed his opinion to the effect that a law should be made to regulate the matter and take away from the board any opportunities for arbitrary action in the selection of teachers from this standpoint.

Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

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